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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Deputy Director (Intelligence)
THROUGH: Assistant Director for Research and Reports
THROUGH: Chief, Economic Research Area, ORR
SUBJECT: Criticism of CIA Support to ACDA

1. This memorandum is for your information and points up a forthcoming problem with ACDA.

2. At the 28 October meeting of the Steering Committee for Project CLOUD GAP, Admiral Parker (ACDA) characterized the present arrangements for CIA support to ACDA as effectively blocking all working level relations between the two agencies. He stated that it was virtually impossible for ACDA to get the kinds of support it needs. When I asked for particulars, he said that he had gotten this impression second hand from others in ACDA. I reviewed how the present arrangement for ACDA contact with CIA personnel came about. I stated that in the past ACDA had had rather free and uncontrolled access to CIA personnel but that this privilege had been abused. In order to control these contacts and to serve ACDA's needs more effectively, a single point of contact, [REDACTED] had been designated.

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3. In the discussion, I also outlined my role with respect to Project CLOUD GAP. In addition to commenting generally on the proposed inspection tests, as CIA representative, I am concerned with two matters: supplying a wide variety of information on Sino-Soviet countries and evaluating the probable effects of various disarmament proposals on intelligence. After putting aside the latter, I listed three types of assistance which CIA might give:

a. If the information required by ACDA is available in published reports, these would be made available to properly cleared ACDA personnel.

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b. If no published studies are available, new studies or research might be required. These could only be undertaken if CIA operating officials judged that resources could be made available for such studies.

c. If working level discussions seemed advisable, these could be arranged. Admiral Parker stated that working level discussions on "inspection posts" had been requested, but that they had not been arranged.

4. It was clear to me that ACDA expects to bring the matter of CIA assistance to a head in the near future. The Agency, the DD/I in particular, should be prepared to face up to these problems, especially how and under what circumstances it will undertake special studies on behalf of ACDA.

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